

The Computing & Interdisciplinary Systems Office

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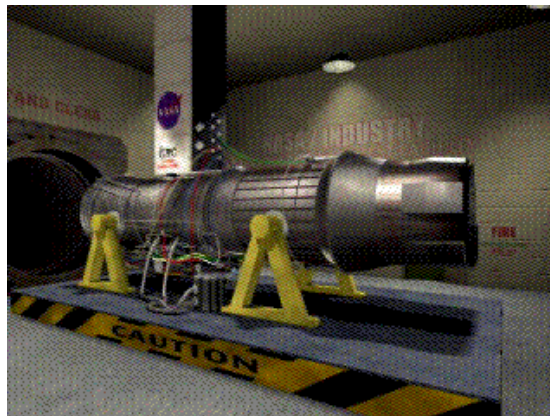
- **Vision and Objective**
- **General Description**
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- **Customer Survey Results**
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The Vision

Develop an advanced engineering analysis system that enables high-fidelity, multi-disciplinary, full propulsion system simulations to be performed early in the design process....

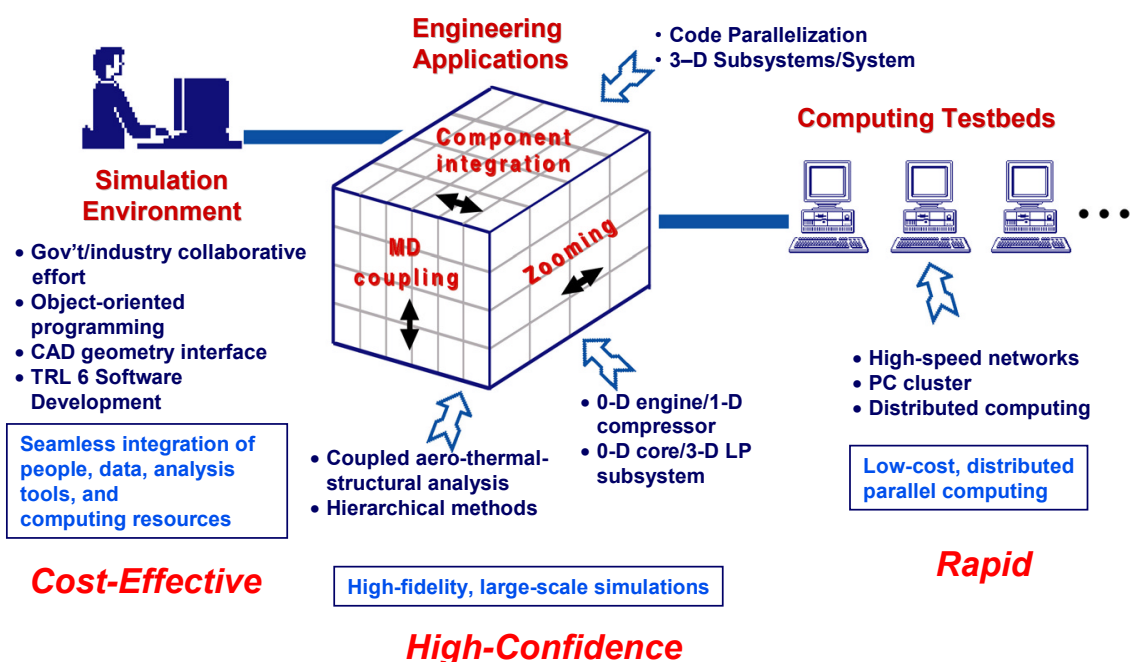
...a virtual test cell that integrates propulsion and information technologies...



To enable rapid, high-confidence, cost-effective design of revolutionary systems. (AST Goal 3: Pioneering Revolutionary Technology)

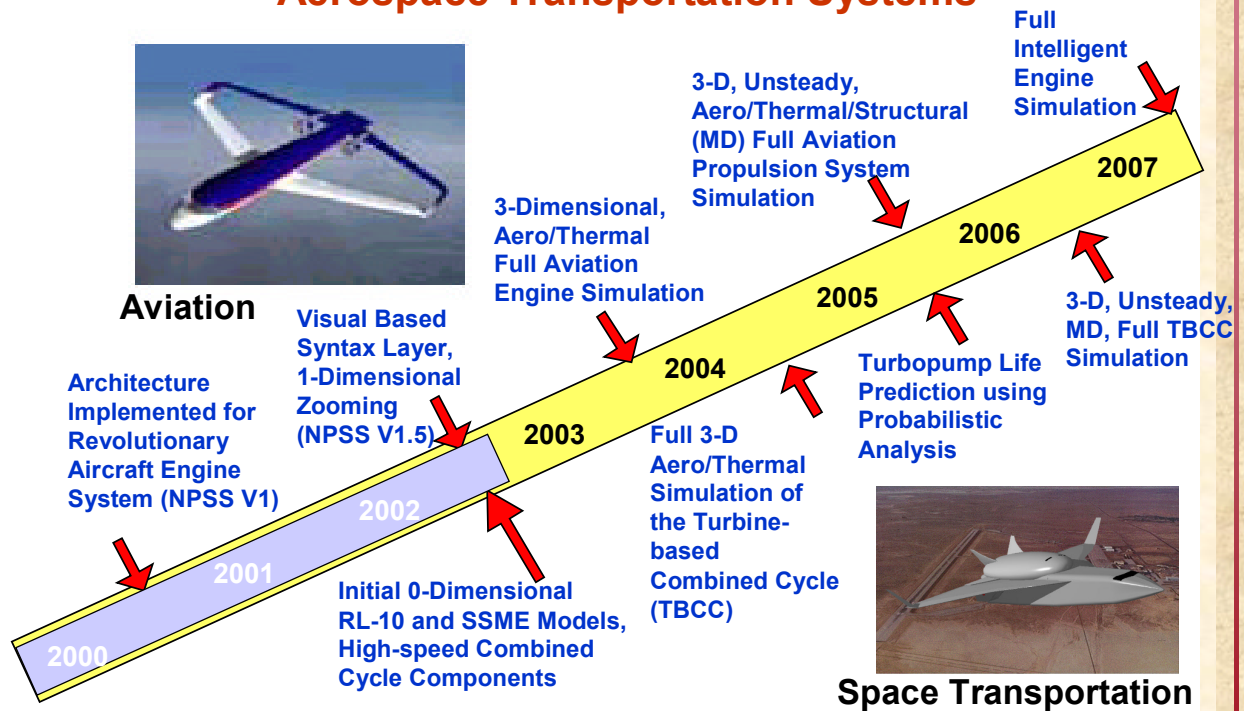
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Major Elements of Virtual Testing



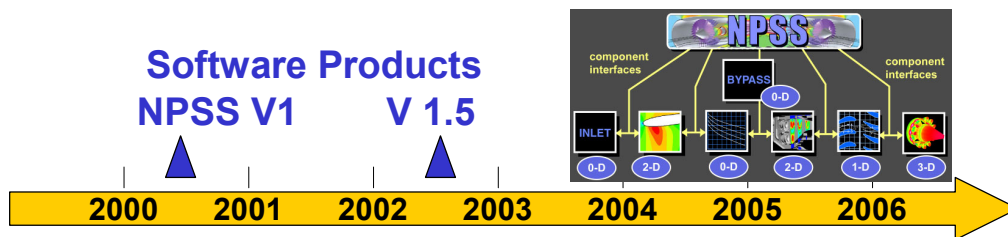
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NPSS Development Plan to Support Advanced Aerospace Transportation Systems



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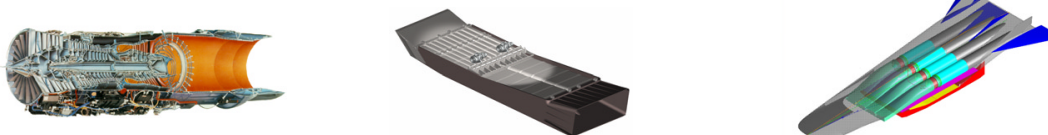
Software Development Strategy



Developers Kit: Tools for Integrating Legacy Code into the NPSS Engineering Environment

- CICT Information Environments
- CICT Computing, Networking, and Testbeds

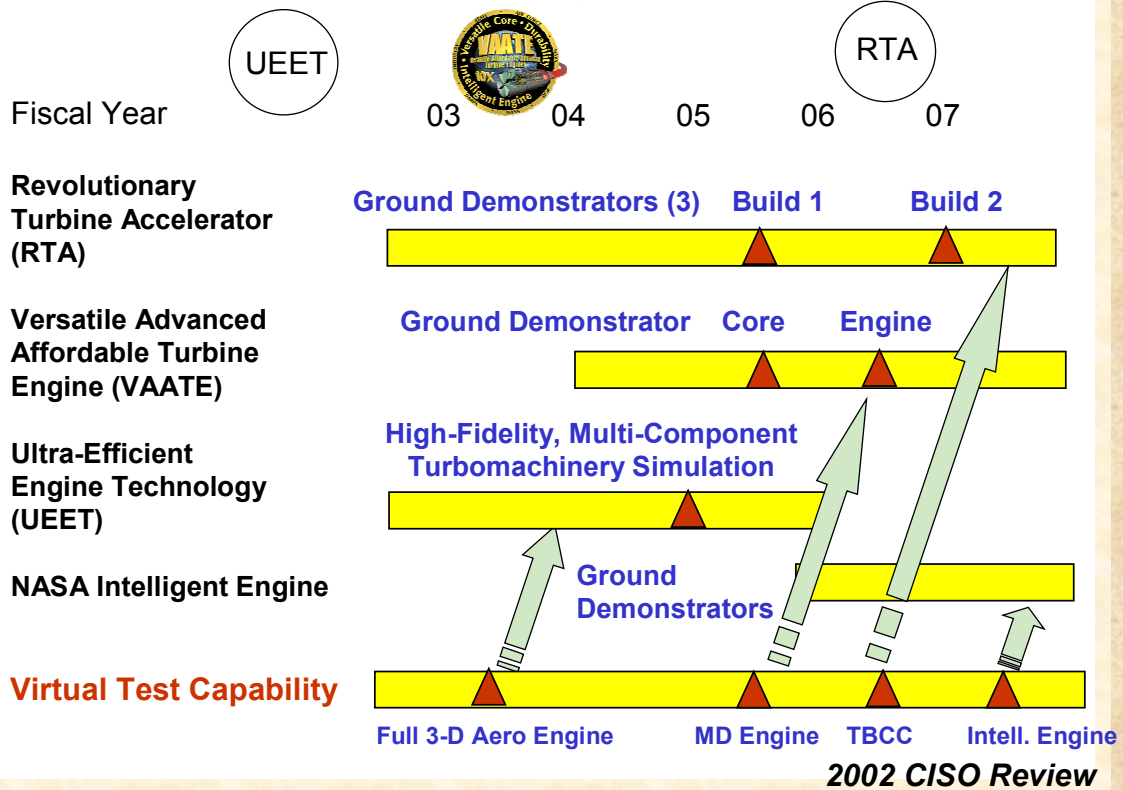
3-D Prototype Simulations & Infrastructure



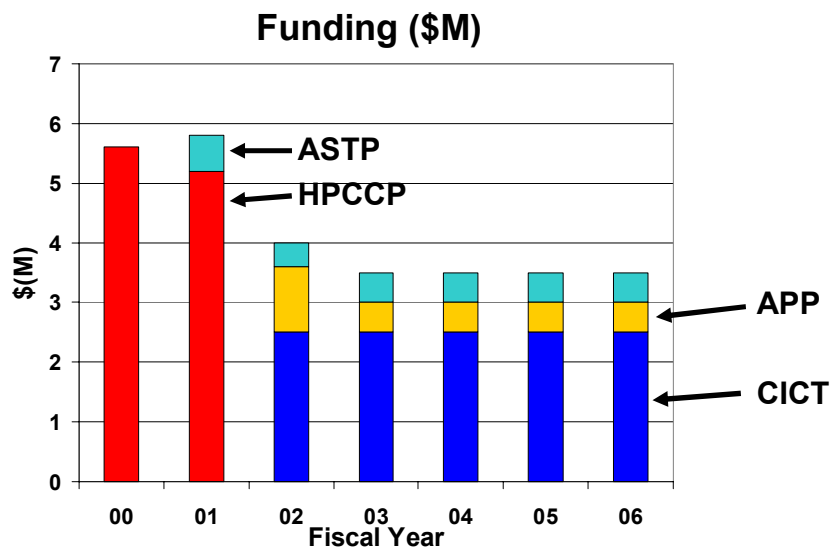
- CICT Grand Challenges
- Aerospace Propulsion and Power Base
- Space Transfer and Launch Technology

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Virtual Testing Opportunities to Impact Major National Programs



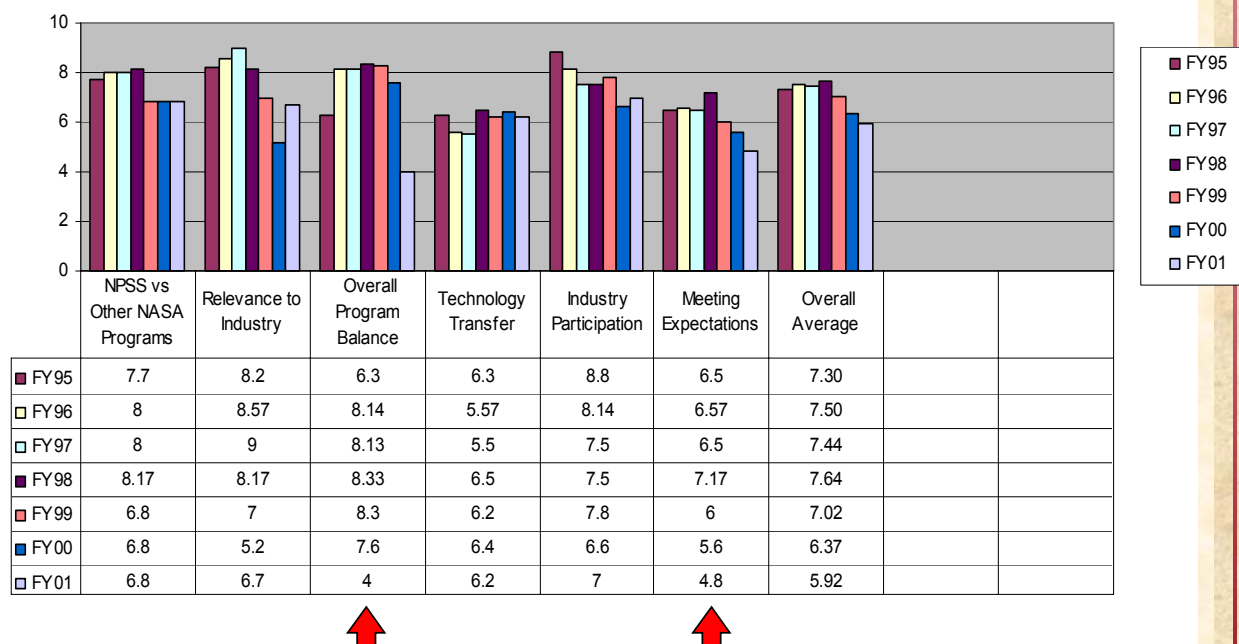
Programmatic Support



HPCCP - High Performance Computing and Communications (Revolutionize Civil Aviation)
APP - Aerospace Propulsion and Power (Revolutionize Civil Aviation)
ASTP - Advanced Space Transportation Program (Advanced Space Transportation)
CICT - Computing, Information, and Communications Technology (Pioneering Revolutionary Technology)

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OVERALL NPSS PROGRAM RATINGS



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Consistent Themes from Customer Survey

- Concern over strong emphasis placed on these (rocket) capabilities at the expense of air breathing simulations
- We would be more interested in using Engineering Application and High Performance Computing tools if they were more readily deployed into our system...
- The development of this environment to support high fidelity components has not been as effective as desired.
- The current approach of trying to coalesce an approach from a variety of different, company proprietary approaches does not appear to be leading to an effective plan that benefits all NPSS members.
- Release policy prohibits widespread acceptance.

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Selected FY02 Highlights

- Received two major awards
 - NorTech
 - R&D 100
- Completed prototype of first integrated 3-D aero simulation of the primary flow path of a large turbofan engine.
- Released NPSS V1.5 with visual assembly of complete propulsion system, zooming to 1-dimensional analysis, CORBA security, and rocket engine component modules.
- Demonstrated coupling objects for an object-based multi-disciplinary simulation using ADPAC and ANSYS.
- Demonstrated a 400:1 speed-up using the Lattice Boltzmann method with 500 processors to simulate a transonic compressor cascade.
- Completed a 3-D simulation (VULCAN) using distributed computing resources via CORBA over the Information Power Grid.
- NPSS Release Policy signed by NASA Headquarters.

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FY03 Major Milestones

- Automate execution of the 3-dimensional engine simulation through integration with the 0-dimensional simulation
- Complete 0-dimensional models of the advanced combined cycles for the space transportation
 - Rocket-based combined cycle
 - Turbine-based combined cycle
- Complete multi-disciplinary, unsteady simulation of a turbopump for rocket engine applications.
- Complete multi-disciplinary simulation of the integrated forebody, inlet and combustor of a high-speed vehicle and propulsion system.
- Demonstrate coupling high fidelity aerospace application codes using CORBA on the Information Power Grid.
- Develop data translation and system solver objects supporting multi-component simulations
- Implement commercialization space act agreements for NPSS V1.X

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Future Directions

- Despite substantial funding reductions in FY 02, NASA will continue to invest in an advanced engineering environment for propulsion.
- Increased emphasis on completing Developers Kit to bring in high-fidelity, multi-disciplinary analysis tools.
- Identify and cultivate commercialization opportunities for NPSS V1.x
- Work through the Propulsion System Technical Committee to address issues associated with reduction in support for Aeronautics applications. Need Executive Committee Help.
- Establish stronger partnerships with related Programs
 - DOE Accelerated Strategic Computing Initiative
 - DOD Versatile Affordable Advanced Turbine Engine Program
 - NASA Ultra-Efficient Engine Technology Program
 - NASA Advanced Space Transportation Program

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Propulsion System Technical Committee

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Agenda

- **Simulation Environment**
- **Engineering Applications**
- **Cost-effective Computing Testbeds**

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